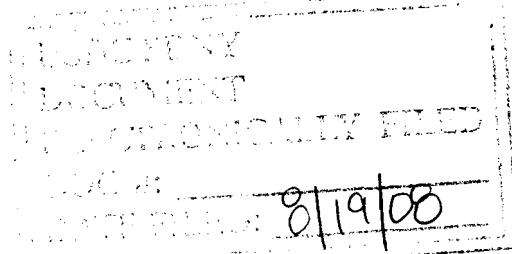


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August 19, 2008

The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: United States v. Juan Ortiz,
07 Cr. 1218

Dear Judge Berman:

I represent Mr. Ortiz in the above-captioned case, and write to request an adjournment of the status conference currently scheduled for August 20, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. The reason for the request is that Mr. Ortiz is going to plead guilty, and the Government and I are in the process of scheduling the plea with the Magistrate's Court. I have also notified Ms. Murray, and an appearance for the acceptance of Mr. Ortiz's plea is being scheduled. Accordingly, I request that Mr. Ortiz's status conference be adjourned. Mr. Ortiz consents to the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Conference is adjourned to
9-4-08 at 11:00a.m. Guilty
plea, if any, is referred to

cc: Natalie Lamarque, AUSA via facsimile 212-637-2527

Magistrate Judge. Time is
excluded pursuant to the Speedy
Trial Act for the reasons set
forth in this letter.

SO ORDERED:

Date: 8-19-08

Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.